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In Re Application of:
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Title: RESORBABLE ANASTOMOSIS STENTS
AND PLUGS AND THEIR USE IN PATIENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the above-identified patent application prior to examination thereof:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 26, 27 and 37.

Please amend claims 1, 28, 33, 35, 36, 38, 94 and 96 as indicated in Appendix A. The amended claims will then read as follows:

1. An anastomosis stent for insertion into an opening in a lumen of a vessel or tissue of a patient, comprising:

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